



Functional Independence

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Official Released Items

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Functional Independence - English Language Arts

Assessment Component	Number of Core Items	Number of Released Items
Part 1 Accessing Print - Word Recognition	20	4
Part 2 Accessing Print - Text Comprehension	3 passages/ 7 items each	1 passage/ 7 items
Part 3 Expressing Ideas	1 prompt	1 prompt

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PART 1

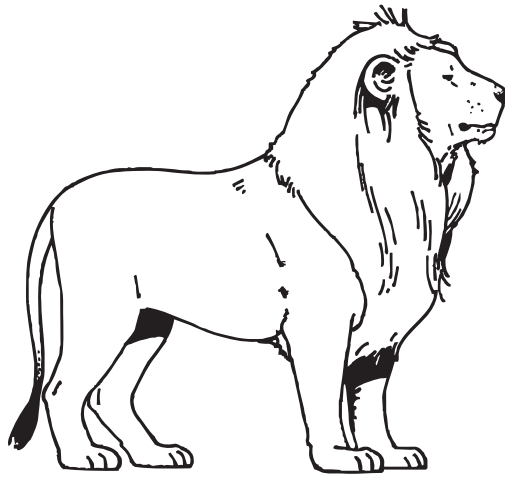
ACCESSING PRINT - WORD RECOGNITION

DIRECTIONS: Look at the picture. Then, choose the word that **BEST** tells about the picture.



R1 This is a _____.

- A** bee
- B** bird
- C** nest



R2 This is a _____.

A bear

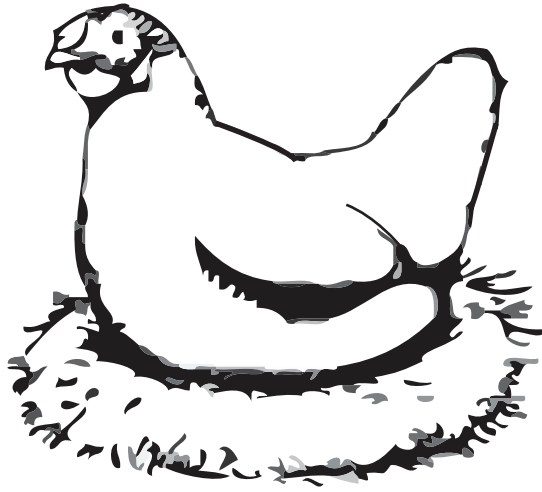
B lion

C goat



R3 This is a _____.

- A** back
- B** bed
- C** boy



R4 This is a _____.

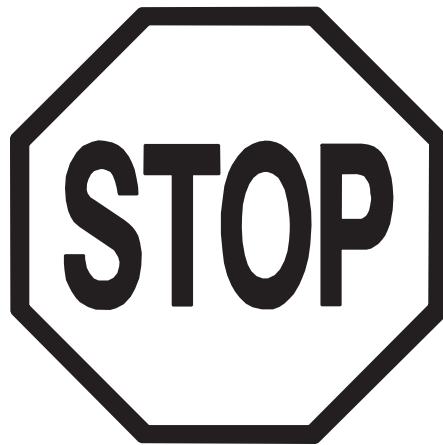
A cow

B hen

C bee



Do Not Continue.



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PART 2

ACCESSING PRINT - TEXT COMPREHENSION

DIRECTIONS: Read the passage. Then, answer the questions that follow. Choose the **BEST** answer for each question.

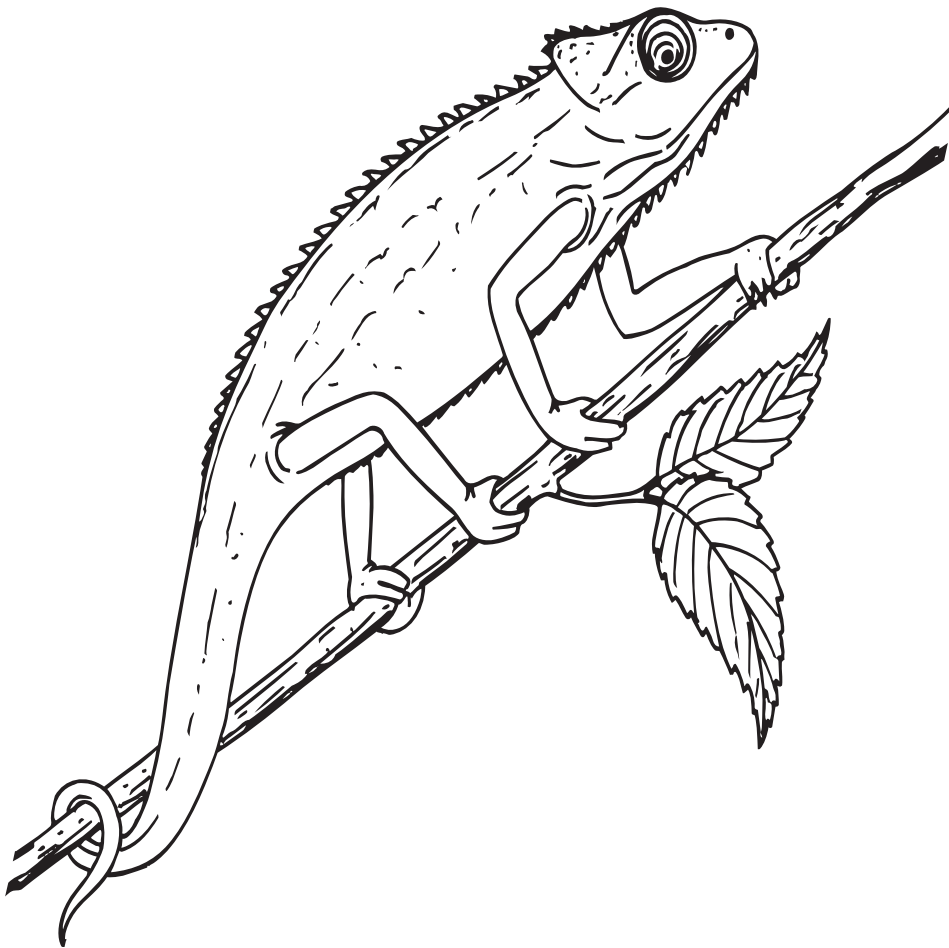
Released Passage**A Special Lizard**

Have you ever seen a chameleon (**kuh meel yun**)? A chameleon is a kind of lizard that has a special talent. It can do something very strange. It can change colors! One minute it's green, and then the next it's blue, red, yellow, or brown.

Why do these lizards change colors? If it is cold, it might turn brown. A dark color like brown will help the lizard stay warm. A chameleon might also change to a dark color to show it is angry.

Changing colors can help a chameleon hide from other animals. If a chameleon is sitting in a tree, it might turn green. Tree leaves are mostly green, so the chameleon would look like a leaf. That makes it harder to see. The chameleon can stay safer that way.

So, as you can see, the chameleon is one special animal.



R5 What is this passage **mostly** about?

- A** where chameleons live
- B** why chameleons change color
- C** what chameleons eat

R6 What does this passage say a chameleon is?

- A** a kind of tree
- B** a kind of lizard
- C** a kind of talent

R7 In this passage, why is the chameleon special?

- A** It can get angry.
- B** It can climb trees.
- C** It can change colors.

R8 In this passage, what color might a chameleon turn if it gets cold?

- A** It will turn brown.
- B** It will turn yellow.
- C** It will turn blue.

R9 In this passage, if a chameleon is in a tree, it **probably**

- A** looks like a leaf.
- B** feels angry.
- C** is getting warm.

R10 In this passage, how does changing colors keep chameleons safe?

- A** It helps them find food faster.
- B** It helps them hide from other animals.
- C** It helps them climb trees more easily.

R11 In this passage, a chameleon is **probably** angry if it is

- A** a bright color.
- B** a light color.
- C** a dark color.



Do Not Continue.



Do not continue until instructed to do so.

PART 3

EXPRESSING IDEAS

DIRECTIONS: Read the prompt. Complete your response to the prompt on the student answer document. Then, use the checklist to review and proofread your response.

R12 Released Prompt: Tell about what you did during summer vacation from school. Be sure to include details and examples in your response.

CHECKLIST

DIRECTIONS: Use this checklist as you review and proofread your response to the prompt.

- _____ Did I answer each part of the prompt?
- _____ Did I support my ideas with details?
- _____ Did I organize my ideas and details clearly?
- _____ Did I review my response one more time to make sure it is just the way I want it?
- _____ Did I put my response on the student answer document?



Do Not Continue.

Scoring Rubric – Grades 3-8 and 11

	Writing	Drawing
4	The writing focuses on the topic. The topic may not be explicitly stated, but can be easily inferred by the reader. The text includes appropriate details and/or examples based on the student's prior knowledge and experience. There is a clear organizational structure with transitions between ideas, resulting in a unified whole. The writing demonstrates use of mostly precise word choice and syntax. Errors in language conventions (e.g., grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) do not interfere with understanding.	The drawing focuses on the topic. Pertinent details and/or examples based on the student's prior knowledge and experience are: (1) clearly present in the drawing; (2) present in the drawing and enhanced through written explanation by the student and/or transcribed oral explanation by the assessment administrator; or (3) provided solely through written and/or transcribed oral explanation. The visual text presents a logical organization and arrangement of figures. Errors in language and visual conventions (e.g., composition, perspective, shape, and clarity) do not interfere with understanding.
3	The writing is mostly on topic. The topic may not be explicitly stated, but can be inferred with little effort by the reader. There is some development of the topic with appropriate details and/or examples. The text reflects a mostly organized structure and may include transitions between ideas. The writing demonstrates some attention to word choice and syntax. Errors in language conventions (e.g., grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) may slightly interfere with understanding.	The drawing is mostly on topic. Some details and/or examples are (1) present in the drawing; (2) mostly present in the drawing and supported through written and/or transcribed oral explanation; or (3) are provided solely through written and/or transcribed oral explanation. The visual text presents an attempt at logical organization and arrangement of figures. Errors in language and visual conventions (e.g., composition, perspective, shape, and clarity) may slightly interfere with understanding.
2	The writing is somewhat on topic. If not explicitly stated, the topic may not be easily inferred. There is limited development with simplistic details and/or examples. The focus may wander. The writing lacks a clear organizational structure, and ideas may be repetitive. Errors in language conventions (e.g., grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization) may make understanding difficult.	The drawing is somewhat on topic, but is developed with limited details and/or examples that are (1) present in the drawing; (2) present in the drawing and supported through minimal written and/or transcribed oral explanation; or (3) presented solely through minimal written and/or transcribed oral explanation. The visual text lacks a clear structure and arrangement of figures. Errors in language and visual conventions (e.g., composition, perspective, shape, and clarity) may make understanding difficult.
1	The writing shows some evidence of an attempt to respond to the prompt, although there is little or no development of the topic and little direction. The vocabulary may be limited to one or two words, not a complete sentence. The text may show minimal sound/letter correspondence and use of language conventions. Errors may make understanding nearly impossible.	The drawing shows some evidence of an attempt to respond to the prompt, yet it presents little or no development of the topic and is supported with little to no written or transcribed oral explanation. The visual text lacks direction or organization. Errors in language and/or visual conventions (e.g., composition, perspective, shape, and clarity) may make understanding nearly impossible.

Not ratable if:

- A** – off topic
- B** – illegible
- C** – written in a language other than English
- D** – blank/refused to respond

Below is a list of the Extended Grade Level Content Expectations (EGLCE) for each released item found in this booklet. The chart contains the EGLCE code, a brief description of what is measured, and the correct answer for each released item.

Because the assessment was administered during the *fall* of the school year, only content from the *previous* grade level was measured on the assessment. For example, items eligible for the Grade 3 assessment will measure Grade 2 EGLCE.

Full descriptions of the EGLCE contained in the chart below are available for review and download at **www.mi.gov/mi-access**.

Released Item Number	EGLCE Code	ASSESSMENT COMPONENT or Abbreviated Extended GLCE Descriptor	Answer Key
		ACCESSING PRINT	
		PART 1 - WORD RECOGNITION	
R1	R.WS.02.EG05	Recognize frequently encountered words	B
R2	R.WS.02.EG05	Recognize frequently encountered words	B
R3	R.WS.02.EG05	Recognize frequently encountered words	B
R4	R.WS.02.EG05	Recognize frequently encountered words	B
		PART 2 - TEXT COMPREHENSION	
		Informational Passage	
R5	R.CM.02.EG03	Identify main idea and details	B
R6	R.CM.02.EG03	Identify main idea and details	B
R7	R.CM.02.EG03	Identify main idea and details	C
R8	R.CM.02.EG02	Make inferences, predictions, and conclusions	A
R9	R.CM.02.EG02	Make inferences, predictions, and conclusions	A
R10	R.CM.02.EG03	Identify main idea and details	B
R11	R.CM.02.EG02	Make inferences, predictions, and conclusions	C
		EXPRESSING IDEAS	Score Points Possible
R12	W.GN.02.EG01	Write/draw personal narrative	4



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